

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 163

By Powers

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach Mike Reynolds and the Jellico High School boys' basketball team on their championship season.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Mike Reynolds, the Jellico High School boys basketball team is one such estimable team, having recently compiled the greatest season in school history during the 2010-11 season by claiming the District 4-A regular season championship and both the District 4-A and Region 2-A tournament championships; and

WHEREAS, compiling an impressive overall record of 21 wins and 13 losses, the Blue Devils of Jellico High School raised the bar to new heights as they won the first Region Championship in school history and hosted the first round of the state tournament in their gym; and

WHEREAS, along with the basketball knowledge and wisdom shared by Head Coach Mike Reynolds, the Blue Devils enjoyed the instruction and insight of outstanding assistant coaches Vic King and Cory Chapman; and

WHEREAS, the members of this tremendous championship team are: Lee England, Brent Ayers, Dustin Smiddy, Mike Smith, Gabe Mitchell, Devin Oaks, Jasper Budd, Jerry Walker, Cody Malicoat, Ethan Shelley, Jared Ray Potter, Brian Hicks, and Austin Healy; and

WHEREAS, at the completion of the regular season, Blue Devil players Brent Ayers and Cody Malicoat were named to the All-District team, with Cody Malicoat being named Most

Valuable Player, and they were joined by teammates Dustin Smiddy and Mike Smith, who earned honorable mention recognition; and

WHEREAS, Blue Devil standout Cody Malicoat was selected as Most Valuable Player for both the Region 2-A and District 4-A tournaments and was joined by Brent Myers, Mike Smith and Gabe Mitchell on the District 4-A All-Tournament team and Blue Devil teammates Brent Myers, Mike Smith and Lee England on the Region 2-A All-Tournament team; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a successful season and District 4-A and Region 2-A championship titles, but also surely point toward continued success in their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding spirit, the Jellico High School Blue Devils have conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State; and

WHEREAS, the people of Tennessee take great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of those student athletes who have excelled both in their sport and in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Head Coach Mike Reynolds and the Jellico High School boys' basketball team on claiming the regular season title for District 4-A, as well as winning both the District 4-A tournament and the Region 2-A tournament during their amazing 2010-2011 season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.